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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4
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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND CHINA

REF: (A) PARIS 13666, (B) PARIS 23712, 9/15/75 (NOTAL),
(C) STATE 216905, 9/12/75 (NOTAL)

1. IN VIEW OF RELATIVE STABILITY OF PORTUGUESE POLITICAL
SITUATION, EMBASSY ASSESSMENT IS THAT OPENING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH PRC WOULD HAVE MINOR POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES
WITHIN PORTUGAL. ADVANTAGES OF LOCAL OUTLET FOR PRC HOSTILITY
TO SOVIETS WOULD BE OFFSET BY PRC TROUBLEMAKING POTENTIAL
WITH THE FAR LEFT.

2. WE TEND TO ACCEPT PORTUGUESE ARGUMENT THAT OPENING OF
RELATIONS WITH PRC WOULD BE USEFUL BALANCE TO EXCHANGE
OF AMBASSADORS WITH ISRAEL. GOP EXPECTS TO TAKE A LOT OF
HEAT DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY OVER ESTABLISHMENT
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OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. CONCURRENT OPENING WITH
PRC WOULD HELP LEND SUBSTANCE TO PORTUGUESE ARGUMENT THAT
THEY ARE PREPARED TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES,
REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL COMPLEXION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT PARIS BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM
MARTINS WE NO LONGER HAVE RESERVATIONS OVER OPENING WITH

PEKING AND WOULD ACQUIESCE IN SUCH A MOVE.
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